



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Pleasant Grove, CA	Accident Number:	WPR19FA145A
Date & Time:	05/15/2019, 1215 PDT	Registration:	N6787K
Aircraft:	Grumman G164	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 137: Agricultural		

On May 15, 2019, at 1215 Pacific daylight time, a Grumman Schweizer airplane, G164C, N6787K, and a Grumman Schweizer airplane G164D, N6929K, collided in mid-air over a rice field in Pleasant Grove, California. Both commercial pilots in each of the airplanes were fatally injured and both airplanes were destroyed. The G164C was registered to the pilot and operated by Moe's Crop-Dusting Service. The G164D was registered to Rafter V Ranch and operated by Van Dyke Brothers. Both airplanes were operating under the provisions of Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 137 as an agricultural flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the local area flights and company flight plans were filed for both flights. The G164C departed from Moe's Crop-Dusting Service, a private strip, in Pleasant Grove, and was transitioning south-southeast bound to seed a local area field. The G164D had just completed seeding a local area field and was transitioning back to Van Dyke Strip Airport (25CL), Pleasant Grove, when the collision occurred.

A witness located about a half-mile west of the accident reported that she saw the G164C traveling southbound. She heard a bang and saw both left wings depart the airplane. The nose dropped and the airplane impact the ground. At that time, she was unaware that another airplane was in the area and did not see the collision.

The National Transportation Safety Board investigator-in-charge, and a Federal Aviation Administration airworthiness inspector responded to the accident site. The airplanes came to rest about a quarter mile apart. The G164C came to rest in a dry field adjacent to an access road. The G164D came to rest in a nose down attitude in a rice field.

Both airplanes were recovered for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Grumman	Registration:	N6787K
Model/Series:	G164 C	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	Moe's Crop Dusting Service Inc.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Agricultural Aircraft (137)

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KLHM, 122 ft msl	Observation Time:	1215 PDT
Distance from Accident Site:	4 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	16° C / 13° C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 3200 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	7 knots / , 170°
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 8500 ft agl	Visibility:	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.84 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Company VFR
Departure Point:	Pleasant Grove, CA	Destination:	Pleasant Grove, CA

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	On-Ground
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	38.885278, -121.423889

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Tealeye Cornejo
Additional Participating Persons:	
Note:	The NTSB traveled to the scene of this accident.